

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: 25 March 2008

TIME: 3:05 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Wallace Gernt, Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., PhD, Robert Hamel R.N., Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Robert J. Quigley, D.C. (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D., Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Denise Panichas, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Excused Absences: Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Robert S.L. Kinder, M.D.

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Loreen Angell, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, PhD, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Jenna Ferraro (Intern)

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms, Time Extension for the Minutes Availability, and Election of Health Services Council Officers

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the 26 February 2008 meeting of the Health Services Council were approved as submitted. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the Election of Health Services Council Officers. The nominations for the Health Services Council Officers were as follows: Chairman - Robert J. Quigley, Vice Chairman - Victoria Almeida, Secretary – Reverend David Shire. There being no other nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. The Council Members cast their ballots. The results of the election were as follows: Chairman – Robert J. Quigley (13 votes);

Vice Chairman – Victoria Almeida (12 votes); Secretary – Reverend David Shire (13 votes).

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Independent Health Services, LLC for Initial Licensure as a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Providence. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on these matters.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0). Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the Application of Kent County Memorial Hospital for a Certificate of Need to Establish a Pilot Primary Angioplasty Program. Staff summarized the application and the deliberations of the committee on these matters. Staff summarized the recommendations of the Tertiary Care Advisory Committee with regards to angioplasty.

Mark Crevier, CEO of Kent County Memorial Hospital, made a closing summary on the application. Katherine Swann, a member of the public, reintroduced her testimony from the 11 March 2008 Project Review Committee-I meeting regarding her personal experience when her husband experienced a heart attack. She stated that the issue before the Council was not just a life and death issue, but a quality of life issue, and urged the Council to approve the application. EMS spokesmen from North Kingstown, East Greenwich, and West Warwick also reiterated their points on the need for a primary angioplasty program at Kent. Dr. Baute, former President of Kent County Memorial Hospital, asked the Council to support the application.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed, and one recusal (12-0-1) to recommend that the application be approved with the conditions of approval. Those voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Gil, Graziano, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ross, Shire. Hamel recused.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Loreen Angell